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RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 10, 2007, Applicants elect for further prosecution without traverse and solely to facilitate prosecution Group II, claims 5-25, drawn to a reaction vessel, classified in class 435, subclass 287.1.

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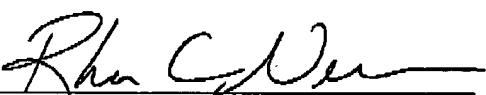
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